



## Rev. Alton Bell

January 14, 1941 - October 30, 2009

Heading: Rev. Alton F. Bell (Veteran)

Dateline: Greer

Rev. Alton F. Bell, 68, of 103 Gregory Drive, died October 30, 2009 at McCall Hospice House.

A native of Oconee County, son of the late Willis and Corine E. Smith Bell, he was a U.S. Marine veteran, owner of Advanced Pest Control for 15 years, and a member of Apalache Baptist Church. Rev. Bell was a retired Baptist minister having pastored churches in Gaffney, Blacksburg, Spartanburg, Greer, and Duncan. He served as President of Broad River Pastors Conference, Greater Blacksburg Ministerial Association, and The Greater Greer Ministerial Association.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Jean Sims Bell of the home; a son, Michael Alton Bell of Greer; a daughter, Sandy Shane Bell of Travelers Rest; two brothers, Rev. Fred W. Bell of Albany, Georgia and Rev. D. Frank Bell of Cosby, Tennessee; a sister, Freda L. Bell Parker of Seneca; and four grandchildren. Funeral services will be held 3:00 p.m. Sunday at Apalache Baptist Church, conducted by Rev. Lamar Breazeale and Rev. Eddie Cooper. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers will be Mike Bell, Domonique Bell, John Pepper, Keith Childress, Fred Bell, and Frank Bell.

Honorary escort will be the Goal Reachers Sunday School Class.

Visitation will be held 1:45-2:45 p.m. Sunday at Apalache Baptist Church.

The family is at the home.

Memorials may be made to McCall Hospice House, 1836 W. Georgia Road,  
Simpsonville, S.C. 29680.

Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 1. 1:45 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

Apalache Baptist Church  
1915 Gap Creek Road  
Greer, SC 29651

## Service

NOV 1. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hello Jean, Mike & Sandy & family, Stacy and I wanted you to know we were sorry to hear about Alton. We loved him and we had a lot of good times together. He always cared so much and was so sincere with how he felt about people. People were just drawn to his spirit. Stacy said when I told her about him, you mean "my buddy". I can still see him at church stoop down beside her talking to her when she was about 8. (I have a picture of that, and I treasure it). Stacy is 32 now. I didn't know he had been sick until someone called me Sunday evening to tell me. I will always remember, every Tuesday night, us going out together to tell people about Jesus. It was always a fun time with Alton no matter what you were doing. I am sorry I could not get there but I too am sick. I have multiple sclerosis and have been home bound now for 7 years. I remember trying to hide from Alton that I smoked. Phil and I was sitting up at Winn-Dixie smoking before we got out of the car. Alton knew Phil smoked but didn't know I did. About the time when I filpped my ashes out the window, I looked up in the rear view mirror and Alton was sitting in his car behind us waving. He was grinning from ear to ear. I could have died but Alton never mentioned it. We will always remeber all the great times we had when we were all together. May God bless and keep you all. We will be praying for you. Pray for us, please. I am unable to go to church now and I miss it so badly.

Love always, Sherry and Stacy Earle###imported-begin###Sherry & Stacy Earle (Verdin)###imported-end###

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November 05, 2009 at 10:20 PM



“ To the Bell Family, My prayers and thoughts are with you at this time of sadness and sorrow. Alton and I were friends back in High School. And I have some fond memories of those days. May God Be with you at these time. A friend,  
Doug Wilson###imported-begin###Doug Wilson, Mauldin,  
SC###imported-end##

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November 04, 2009 at 06:59 PM



“ It was a pleasure knowing Alton. He was a joy to be around. I worked with Alton during my employment at Cox Properties and after that he continued to do my personal pest control. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin###Candace Lanier###imported-end##

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November 02, 2009 at 03:40 PM



“ Jean  
We are so sorry to hear the news of Altons passing. We didn't know he was ill. We know that he is with The Lord now. May God bless you and the kids.  
Please give us a call when you feel up to it. (803) 808-5316.  
  
Love  
Mike and Renee###imported-begin###Mike and Renee  
Hastings###imported-end##

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November 02, 2009 at 08:02 AM



“ We are so sorry that we did not know that Alton had passed until this afternoon ( Sunday) at 3:30. To late to attend his funeral but our hearts will be with you. I will send word to Brenda. She has moved to Deer Park, WA.##imported-begin##Vivian Jim James, a cousin of Mary Jean##imported-end##

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November 01, 2009 at 02:27 PM



“ With deepest symphathy from the our family too yours.##imported-begin##Lasha Aiken and Family##imported-end##

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November 01, 2009 at 09:25 AM



“ To the Bell Family: My prayers and sympathy are with you at this sad time. I have fond memories of high school days with Alton, almost 50 years ago...he was always "into" something! May the Spirit of God comfort you in the lonely days ahead.##imported-begin##Frances Carpenter Southerland##imported-end##

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November 01, 2009 at 08:19 AM



“ Jean and Family: You have our sincere sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Alton was a very special person and we will surely miss him at Apalache Baptist Church. May God give you peace and comfort in knowing that he is with the Lord. Just remember there will be a great reunion someday. Our prayers are with you. Sincerely, Sam and Sara##imported-begin##Sam and Sara Eanes##imported-end##

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October 31, 2009 at 11:21 PM



“ *Jean, you are in our thoughts and prayers, if you need anything please contact us. Jane has been very concerned about you.##imported-begin##David and Jane Hipp##imported-end##*

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October 31, 2009 at 08:15 PM